



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Pittenger, et al.
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For: Improved Chondrogenic Differentiation of Human Mesenchymal Stem
Cells
Group: 1644
Examiner: Belyavskyi

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A. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is hereby respectfully requested.